

## A B S T R A C T

## A NON-BLOCKING DEVICE FOR SWITCHING ATM CELLS

5           The invention concerns an ATM cell switching device  
comprising at least one inlet stage and one outlet stage,  
each of said stages comprising at least two switching  
matrices  $(411_i, 414_j, 422_k)$ , wherein there is a specific  
path between each input  $(412_i)$  of one of said input  
10 matrices and each output  $(442_j)$  of one of said output  
matrices, so that the flow of data carried by any  
intermediate link  $(413_i, 423_j)$  forming said specific path  
is a subset of the flows respectively carried by the  
input link and the output link with which it is  
15 associated. The device can have two or three stages, for  
example.

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